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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re patent application of:  
Hiroshi MURAKAMI, et al.

Serial No. 09/349,049

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For: VEHICLE SHARING SYSTEM AND  
METHOD WITH VEHICLE  
ALLOCATION BASED ON  
TRAVEL INFORMATION



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The Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Submitted herewith on Form PTO-1449 is a supplemental listing of documents known to applicants in order to comply with applicant's duty of disclosure pursuant to 37 CFR 1.56. Copies of the listed documents are being submitted to comply with the provisions of 37 CFR 1.97-1.98.

Additionally, two of the documents cited by applicants in their Information Disclosure Statement filed July 28, 1999 included disclosures written in French. In order to fully comply with their duty of disclosure,

applicants submit herewith the concise explanation of the relevance of these documents as presently understood. 37 C.F.R. § 1.98(a)(3).

Documents Previously Submitted:

**Praxitele Web Site:** A system for borrowing electric vehicles by subscribers including a fleet of vehicles dispersed in car parks, with secure access to vehicles by cards encoded with bar codes or codes that can be read by a contactless card reader, a radiophone inside each vehicle for digital communication with a central facility, and an on board computer in each vehicle for determining the payment due for the use, and for a "dialogue." Customers select vehicles indicated as available.

**2,732,144 (France):** See English abstract submitted herewith.

The submission of any document herewith, is not intended as an admission that such document constitutes prior art against the claims of the present application. Applicants do not waive any rights to take any action which would be appropriate to antedate or otherwise remove as a competent reference any document which is determined to be a prima facie prior art reference against the claims of the present application.

Applicants' present submission should be considered by the examiner, as no office action on the merits has yet been mailed. 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(b)(3). According to MPEP § 609 at 600-103, multiple Information

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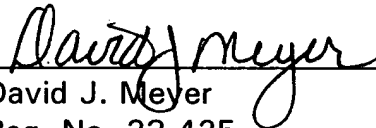
Disclosure Statements will be considered, provided that they are timely submitted.

Applicants respectfully request that the listed documents be considered by the Examiner and be made of record in the present application and that an initialed copy of Form PTO-1449 be returned in accordance with MPEP § 609.

Respectfully submitted,

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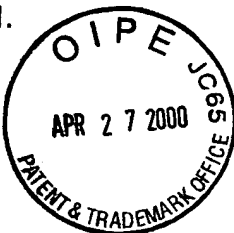
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